

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The water is clear and blue. In the foreground, there is a dense field of branching coral. Numerous small fish are swimming throughout the scene, some near the coral and others further away. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Update on Coral Reef Conservation Efforts for the Federated States of Micronesia

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USCRTF Meeting
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1st FSM Environmental Conference

- 9-12 October 2006
- Theme: *Building partnerships for a sustainable future*
- Discussed progress on Compact II Environment Sector projects
- Reviewed current status of local efforts on Rio Conventions (Biological Diversity, Climate Change, Land Degradation)
- Updates on environmental protection efforts
- Discussed topics such as infrastructure development and EIAs, coastal fisheries, and bio-security...
- Micronesia Challenge

FSM Protected Areas Network (FSM-PAN)

Mission: The FSM will have more extensive, diverse, and higher quality of marine freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems, which meet human needs and aspirations fairly, preserve and utilize traditional knowledge and practices.....full ecosystem protection

Goals:

1. Establish a systematic network to protect, conserve and sustainably manage the full and functional representation of the FSM's marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems under a national protected areas network
2. Complete a comprehensive sustainable finance plan for the national system of protected areas

Opportunities/Upcoming

- Participation in Networks (e.g. PIMPAC, Pacific NBSAP Working Group, Pacific Invasive Learning Network, LMMA Network, etc.)
- Micronesia Conservation Trust - \$ to State NGOs & CBOs
- Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme
- Mentoring next generation of conservation “Champions” (1 Champion/State focused on the Micronesia Challenge and FSM-PAN) – Nov. 2006
- FSM-PAN Sustainable Finance Plan (1st Draft) – Nov. 2006
- Participation in regional Micronesia Challenge Planning Meeting in Palau – Dec. 2006
- FSM-PAN Gap Analysis (MARXAN) - Feb./Mar. 2007

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